

**PROGRAM INSTRUCTION**

**SUA-11-PI-06**

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**TO:** Directors, Area Agencies on Aging

**SUBJECT:** Modifications to III-E National Family Caregiver Support Definitions and Reporting

**CONTENT:** One task of the Nebraska State Unit on Aging (SUA) is to ensure complete and accurate data submission for Older Americans Act (OAA) services and funding as required by the Administration on Aging (AoA). As service definitions and reporting requirements evolve, the data collection system must be modified in accordance. Title III, Part E of the OAA (National Family Caregiver Support Program) definitions and reporting processes are currently being reviewed and re-evaluated in order to maintain compliance with AoA guidance.

Modifications to the III-E National Family Caregiver Support program include:

- 1) Prior to authorizing usage of III-E Respite or Supplemental Services, a caregiver recipient must be identified as having at least two deficits in activities of daily living or cognitive or a other mental impairment which requires substantial supervision to prevent harm to self or others.

Presently, a standard assessment tool has not been defined by the SUA for determining cognition or other mental impairment. Within the next year, the goal from the SUA will be to work with the Area Agencies in standardizing a cognitive assessment tool which will be utilized universally throughout the aging network.

- 2) A new III-E service has been added to the Taxonomy entitled III-E Cash & Counseling (CC). This new service covers the range of services provided or paid for through allowance, vouchers, or cash which are provided to the client so that the client can obtain the needed supportive services. Since service units could be so diverse they will not provide meaningful results they are not included.
- 3) Complete a basic demographic intake form on any participant receiving III-E Cash & Counseling.

Should you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact Penny Clark, Program Specialist for Title III-E Programs, (402) 471-4547, penny.clark@nebraska.gov.

Sincerely,

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